

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 Claim 1 (original): A method for preserving plant tissue, said method  
2 comprising the steps of:

- 3 (a) obtaining a dehydrated plant tissue; and  
4 (b) saturating said plant tissue with a saturation mix.

5 Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, said method further comprising  
6 the step of:

- 7 (a) applying a coating mix to said saturated plant tissue.

8 Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 2, said step of obtaining a  
9 dehydrated plant tissue comprising:

- 10 (a) obtaining a fresh-cut plant tissue;  
11 (b) forming said fresh-cut plant tissue; and  
12 (c) dehydrating said fresh-cut plant tissue.

13 Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3, wherein said step of  
14 dehydrating said fresh cut plant tissue comprises at least one method selected from the  
15 group consisting of:

- 16 (a) burying dehydrating method;  
17 (b) burying and sealing dehydrating method;  
18 (c) hang-drying dehydrating method;  
19 (d) microwaving dehydrating method;  
20 (e) chemical dehydrating method; and  
21 (f) freeze-drying dehydrating method.

1 Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4, further comprising a cleaning  
2 step comprising at least one step selected from the group consisting of:

- 3 (a) vibrating said plant tissue to remove said dehydrating material;  
4 (b) air-brushing said plant tissue to remove said dehydrating material;  
5 and  
6 (c) brushing said plant tissue to remove said dehydrating material.

1 Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 2, said step of saturating said  
2 plant tissue with said saturation mix further comprising the steps of:

- 3 (a) draining said saturation mix from said saturated plant tissue; and  
4 (b) drying said saturated plant tissue.

1 Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6, said step of coating said plant  
2 tissue further comprising the steps of:

- 3 (a) applying a coating mix to said saturated plant tissue;  
4 (b) draining said coating mix from said coated plant tissue; and  
5 (c) drying said coated plant tissue.

1 Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 7, wherein said saturation mix and  
2 said coating mix are composed of at least one mix selected from the group consisting  
3 of:

- 4 (a) solution composed of derivatives of natural rubber;  
5 (b) natural rubber solution;  
6 (c) any solution imparting a rubber like flexibility; and  
7 (d) a silicone styrene elastomer resin mix.

1 Claim 9 (amended): The method of claim 208, wherein said silicone  
2 styrene elastomer resin mix is selected from the group consisting of:

- 3 (a) copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene;  
4 (b) block copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polysterene;  
5 (c) copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene mixed with a  
6 rubber vulcanizing agent;

- 7 (d) copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene mixed with an  
8 antioxidant;  
9 (e) copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene mixed with a UV  
10 stabilizer;  
11 (f) PLASTI DIP®;  
12 (g) PLASTI DIP® UV STABLE; and  
13 (h) any combination of copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene  
14 and a rubber vulcanizing agent and an antioxidant and a UV  
15 stabilizer and PLASTI DIP® and PLASTI DIP® UV STABLE.

1 Claim 10 (amended): The method of claim 9, further comprising a step of  
2 adding said silicone styrene elastomer resin mix to a solvent, said solvent selected from  
3 the group consisting of:

- 4 (a) toluene;  
5 (b) xylene;  
6 (c) naphtha;  
7 (d) acetone; and  
8 (e) various combinations of elements of (a)-(d).

1 Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 2, further comprising:

- 2 (a) applying a polishing mix to said coated plant tissue.

1 Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 11, said step of applying a  
2 polishing mix to said coated plant tissue further comprising the steps of:

- 3 (a) draining said polished plant tissue; and  
4 (b) drying said polished plant tissue.

1 Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 12, wherein said polishing mix is  
2 composed of at least one polishing mix selected from the group consisting of:

- 3 (a) a silicone styrene elastomer resin mix; and  
4 (b) "F-799" PLASTI-DIP®.

1 Claim 14 (original): A method for preserving plant tissue, said method  
2 comprising the steps of:

- 3 (a) obtaining a fresh-cut plant tissue;  
4 (b) forming said fresh-cut plant tissue;  
5 (c) dehydrating said formed plant tissue;  
6 (d) cleaning said dehydrated plant tissue;  
7 (e) saturating said cleaned plant tissue with a saturating mix;  
8 (f) coating said saturated plant tissue with a coating mix; and  
9 (g) polishing said coated plant tissue with a polishing mix.

1 Claims 15-18 (withdrawn):

1 Claim 19 (new): The method of claim 8, wherein said saturation mix is  
2 composed of a silicone styrene elastomer resin mix.

1 Claim 20 (new): The method of claim 19 wherein said silicone styrene  
2 elastomer resin mix comprises one or more copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and  
3 polystyrene.

1 Claim 21 (new): A method for preserving plant tissue, said method  
2 comprising the steps of:

- 3 (a) obtaining a dehydrated plant tissue;  
4 (b) saturating said plant tissue with a saturation mix;  
5 (c) said saturation mix being composed of a silicone styrene elastomer  
6 resin mix; and  
7 (d) said silicone styrene elastomer resin mix comprises one or more  
8 copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene.

1 Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 21, said step of saturating said plant  
2 tissue with said saturation mix further comprising the steps of:

- 3 (a) draining said saturation mix from said saturated plant tissue; and  
4 (b) drying said saturated plant tissue.

1 Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of  
2 applying a coating mix to said saturated plant tissue, said step of applying a coating mix  
3 further comprising the steps of:

- 4 (a) applying a coating mix to said saturated plant tissue;  
5 (b) draining said coating mix from said coated plant tissue; and  
6 (c) drying said coated plant tissue.

Claim 24 (new): A method for preserving plant tissue, said method  
comprising the steps of:

- (a) obtaining a dehydrated plant tissue;  
(b) saturating said plant tissue with a saturation mix, said saturation  
mix being composed of a silicone styrene elastomer resin mix; and  
(c) applying a coating mix to said saturated plant tissue.